

SNEAK WARFARE.

Hon. George Sutherland has been a pronounced candidate for the United States Senate ever since his term as Representative in Congress expired. He has taken every honorable means in his power to compass that end. He has visited every precinct in the State; he has sought to have men who were his friends nominated for the legislature; he paid more than his just proportion of the necessary expenses of the late campaign. In it all he has not done one unworthy act that anyone knows of; he has worked openly and fairly and has not sought to pull down or disparage any opposing candidate. Senator Kearns to defeat him turned all the influence of a great newspaper that had always been Republican, to support a ticket to defeat a Republican legislature, lest if such a legislature should be elected, it would, in turn, elect Mr. Sutherland, and did it, too, at the risk of electing Democratic presidential electors. Since the election did not go his way; he has declared that he will, if necessary, spend an immense sum to defeat Mr. Sutherland. In its usual subservency to the will of Senator Kearns and as usual an obedient annex of the Tribune, the Herald now comes out and says that Mr. Sutherland will be elected because he is somebody's candidate, and that his friends are impatient that any other man's name should be mentioned in that connection. This last charge is entirely gratuitous; there is not the slightest truth in the charge; it is made simply to help Senator Kearns' efforts to defeat Mr. Sutherland. Of the status of the Legislature we know nothing. Of how many members elect are pledged to Mr. Sutherland, or Mr. McCormick, or Judge Bartch or Wild Bill we have no possible means of knowing, but we do know that Mr. Sutherland has done more legitimate work to try to secure the honor than have all the other combined, and the only questions with any candidate is, first, does he possess the needed qualifications for the place? and second, has he used any save honorable means to try to obtain it? If the answer to the first question is "yes" and to the second, "no," then the case is fully made out, and dirty flings at one candidate and the half injured tone that another candidate has not been fairly treated,—a candidate by the way who has never received any but kind words—are but the inventions of a scribbler trying, by a sneak, to minister to the spite and hate of someone who, in this particular case, is not entitled to the slightest consideration.

Both the Democratic and the American party organ concurrently made the alarming discovery on Thursday morning that in all probability Hon. George Sutherland would be the choice of the next legislature for the senate. Why this discovery should cause either consternation or astonishment in those quarters is a bleak mystery, as it has been perfectly patent to everyone for many weeks that the battle for the control of the legislature was between Mr. T. Kearns and Mr. Sutherland. The complete routing of Mr. Kearns naturally made Mr. Sutherland's selection more or less of a matter of form, and that is about all there is to be said of the matter. The effort of the two organs to discover some awful conspiracy in this really quite commonplace condition of affairs comes very near to being humorous. However, organs controlled by Mr. Kearns might naturally be expected to view with bitterness the triumph of Mr. Sutherland, the personal and political arch enemy of the Senator. One of the organs; the eight-page one, in its delirium made the statement that this paper had referred to Mr. McCormick, over whose welfare the organs are deeply affected, as a presumptuous "butter-in." That is rather paltry besides being pure fiction. No reflection was made on any senatorial aspirant. This paper merely announced two or three weeks ago precisely what Mr. Kearns' real organ and his Democratic sub-organ have just discov-

ered—that Mr. Sutherland is too firmly entrenched with the legislators-elect for any other aspirant for the senate to dislodge him at this late hour.

The Herald has so little space of late for live news for its readers that it seems a pity to waste it on such misrepresentations as it had on Thursday concerning this paper's attitude toward Mr. McCormick.

EDITOR CANNON.

And now comes the belated announcement through the Herald that Frank J. Cannon has been installed as editor-in-chief of the Tribune. On the same morning the paper which is to be the beneficiary of Mr. Cannon's services did not consider the subject of sufficient importance to give it the passing notice of a stray paragraph.

It was quite a wonderful scoop for the Democratic organ, particularly as it was only two months ago that this paper announced that Mr. Cannon was writing the Tribune editorials. Mr. Cannon's present relations with the Tribune began concurrently with his resignation as editor of the Ogden State Journal, about the time he established a new record for political trapeze performing by joining the American party.

It will be remembered that one of Mr. Cannon's initial outbursts, after becoming an American party leader, was to bitterly assail President Roosevelt in a theatre speech, and that on the following morning a Tribune editorial, probably written by the orator himself, commended the attack as "great and patriotic service."

The selection of Mr. Cannon as editor of the belting organ would seem to commit the paper to a policy of non-partisanship on national politics or to Democratic tendencies, as the new editor admits that he is firmly anchored to the Democracy and it can hardly be expected that he will risk the feverish strain of another political baptism into a new faith for a few years at least.

Mr. Cannon's sudden descent into the ranks of the American party was the source of robust surprise among his Democratic compatriots at the time. But surely no jaded critic will now have the temerity to suggest that Mr. Cannon's precipitate change of political allegiance had any-

thing to do with the glittering offer of the Tribune editorship.

PHENOMENAL PAVING.

It was proper on the part of the City Council to place some check upon the phenomenal sidewalk pavement achievements of City Engineer George W. Snow, although there seems to be no very valid excuse for their procrastination in the matter.

Another branch of the city government which has escaped criticism, but which in reality is as blamable as the city engineer's office, is the Board of Public Works. The instructions to contractors are given direct from the board, and that body has its own inspector for public improvements. It is consequently apparent that if the city engineer has been in a comatose condition during recent raids on sidewalks, the Board of Public Works has also been devoid of any great supervisory industry while these remarkable extensions were in progress.

It is idle for either department to hide behind the assertion that the established grade has been adhered to, as it does not require a four-year course in engineering for the casual observer to know that temporary grades could be followed where the public convenience and private rights demand it, and that work that results in the disfigurement of streets and a menace to pedestrians could have at least been delayed until a more propitious season.

However, it now seems probable that these weird performance will cease for awhile. And in the meantime the city will have the task of paying some heavy damage suits as a result of the inefficiency and carelessness of some of its officials.

Mrs. Darwin R. James, president of the Inter-denominational Council of Women for Christian and Patriotic Service, informs the Weekly that the paper was in error in the announcement that Miss Helen Gould and Dr. Josiah Strong were among the contributors to the American party fund. She states that neither of them made any contribution for political purposes.

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